(a) how far from the Cochin boundary are the liquor shops of British Malabar situated near the Nemmara firkah ;

(b) whether such shops stand in the way of the prohibition scheme being made a success as at present contemplated ;

(c) whether the Government have made any arrangements with the British Government regarding the location of such shops ?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Please see list appended (*Appendix I.*)

(b) Not till now.

(c) There is already an agreement with the British Government to the effect that no shop will be removed closer to the frontier than its location in previous years. The question whether any further arrangement is necessary will be considered when any difficulty is experienced in the working of the experiment owing to the nearness of these shops.

Extension of pipe water to Kiliyal.

99. Mr. K. G Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the non-caste Hindus living at a place known as Kiliyal near Wallanghy, Nemmara and within the Cochin State are given a supply of water from the pipe system introduced in Nemmara ;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative, will the Government undertake to do so as early as possible before the Summer begins ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) No. The pipe system has not been extended to anywhere at Kiliyal.

(b) The supply of water at Nemmara was not quite satisfactory last year owing to the large increase in the number of taps. There are 90 public taps at present. The consumption of water is at a rate in excess of the yield of the borehole. It is proposed to improve the supply and when that is done the pipe system will be extended to Kiliyal.

Extension of the Cochin Tramway.

100. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Diwan Mr. (now Sir) J. W. Bhore suggested the extension and diversion of the Cochin Tramway ;

(b) what was the estimated cost thereof ;

(c) the acreage of forests that could be opened by such extension and diversion ;

(d) the net profits per annum expected by such extension and diversion?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) About Rs. 17 lakhs.

(c) 26,000 acres by the proposed extension.

The exact area that would be opened by the diversion is not known. The new alignment was for a length of about 30 miles taking off from the existing line at Vellikulangara and joining it again at Karaparakutti.

(d) In the first few years not less than Rs. 48,000.

In 12 or 13 years Rs. 3,50,000.

Collapse of the aqueduct across the Vadakkancheri river.

101. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the amount of estimate for galvanised trough aqueduct constructed for the benefit of lands in Alur Village across the Vadakkancheri river;

(2) what was the value of work done by the contractor without effecting tender deductions;

(3) did not the aqueduct collapse immediately after it was finally paid for;

(4) who were the officers responsible for the work;

(5) were any explanations called for from them and how was their bad work finally disposed of;

(6) as a result of the collapse is not P. W. D. spending every year Rs. 175 for putting up a temporary trough aqueduct exactly similar to what was being done by the interests of ryots;

(7) is not budget item No. 266 of the current year for putting up such a wooden temporary trough aqueduct at site where the original aqueduct constructed collapsed;

(8) is not the money paid to the contractor for the original trough aqueduct collapsed a sheer waste to the Government;

(9) who is responsible for such waste;

(10) was the collapse due to bad work or bad design;

(11) if the collapse is on account of bad work what is the result of action taken against those responsible;

(12) if the collapse is on account of bad design who is responsible for same and what action was taken against the person responsible?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) Rs. 2,100

(2) Rs. 1,795.

(3) No. Some of the R. C. posts supporting the trough were damaged in the abnormal floods of 1106 and the trough was supported by temporary arrangement for purpose of irrigation which is being still continued.

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